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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 18-23, 25-27, 29-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48 and 50-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 18-23, 25-27, 29-38, 41, 44-46, 48 and 50-61 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40, 42, 62 and 63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment, originally filed as After Final Amendment on August 29, 2006, has been entered as requested in the RCE papers filed September 26, 2006. Claims 27, 40, 42, 62, and 63 have been amended as requested. Claims 5-17, 24, 28, 39, 43, 47, and 49 are cancelled. Thus, the pending claims are 1-4, 18-23, 25-27, 29-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48, and 50-63.

Specification

3. The objection to the specification set forth in section 4 of the last Office Action is hereby maintained. Applicant has amended the specification to state "a fringe material 50 can be located on a pair of opposing peripheral edges of the article 11." While Figure 3 show a fringe material at two opposing edges (i.e., short edges) of the flocked release sheet, said Figure does not provide support for fringe at the other two opposing edges (i.e., long edges), which is

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included in the scope of amended specification. Hence, the new matter objection to the specification is maintained.

Terminal Disclaimer

4. The terminal disclaimer filed on August 29, 2006, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of copending application 10/670,091 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 40 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification as originally filed does not support the full scope of the new claim limitations. Specifically, the specification does not provide adequate support for the fringe material in any possible location. Therefore, claims 40 and 42 are rejected as containing new matter.

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7. Claims 62 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification as originally filed does not support the concept that the flocked transfer does not include a *permanent* substrate. There is no mention or suggestion of a substrate being *permanent* or even temporary. Applicant asserts the word “permanent” is employed to distinguish the substrate from the temporary backing sheet, if any, on the thermosetting sheet (Amendment, page 11, 5th paragraph). In response, it is noted that the specification does not disclose or suggest said “temporary backing sheet.” Thus, the claims contain new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

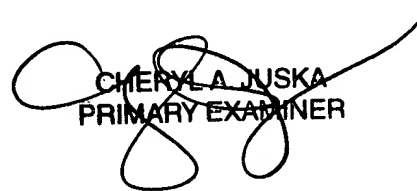
8. Claims 1-4, 18-23, 25-27, 29-38, 41, 44-46, 48, and 50-61 are allowed for the reasons set forth in sections 9 and 10 of the last Office Action.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Juska whose telephone number is 571-272-1477. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached at 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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